

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTOR SELECTION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform procedure for accepting bus contractors to meet the student transportation needs of the North Kingstown School Department.

PHILOSOPHY:

The School Committee, in accepting its legal and moral responsibility and obligations for getting its student population to and from school and to meet other obligations emanating from the Departments overall educational offerings, sets forth the following requirements for the selection of a contractor to provide for such services.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. Transportation contractors must be a resident/taxpayer of the Town of North Kingstown and/or Jamestown, Exeter or Narragansett and must possess a valid license and School Bus Operators Permit (White Card). Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the North Kingstown School Committee. Residency requirements shall be waived for contractors contracted by the North Kingstown School Department prior to June 6, 1983.
2. Person selected to serve as bus contractors and/or drivers within the transportation program must successfully fulfill a physical examination.
3. Bus contractors/drivers must have a good driving record and pass Local, State and Federal background checks including a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) fingerprint check at their own expense, within sixty (60) days prior to award of a contract or commencing work as a driver.
4. Openings for contractors will be advertised and a list of potential contractors will be kept by the North Kingstown School Department Transportation Department. This list will note name, address and date of application. When an opening exists, transportation contractors shall be selected from this list North Kingstown residents shall receive first consideration if all requirements are equally met at the time of selection. Said list shall include applicants for one bus and/or additional buses.
5. It shall be understood, however, that the School Committee reserves the right to reject any or all of the applicants at any time.
6. No applicant shall be considered for a second bus until the applicants for a first bus have been exhausted.
7. Any transportation contractor who is approved by the School Committee for an additional bus must assure the School Committee that he/she shall, personally, drive one of the two buses on a daily basis except as otherwise authorized by the School Committee. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of the contractual agreement, and therefore be subject to termination.

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